

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Medical Services (DMS), Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), hereby issues the following proposed medical assistance rules under one or more of the following subchapters or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§ 20-76-201, 20-77-107, § 20-77-2701 et seq., and 25-10-129.

DMS, a division of the Department of Human Services (DHS), is hereby giving this notice of the promulgation of a 1915(i) Fee-for-Service (FFS) Adult Behavioral Health Services for Community Independence Manual and a corresponding State Plan Amendment for Arkansas Medicaid, to be effective January 1, 2019.

This new manual and State Plan Amendment create the Adult Behavioral Health Services for Community Independence program, which are Tier II and Tier III home and community-based treatment and services provided by a Certified Behavioral Health Agency to individuals eligible for Medicaid based upon the following criteria:

- Beneficiaries receiving Arkansas Medicaid healthcare benefits on a medical Spenddown basis; and
- Beneficiaries who are eligible for Arkansas Medicaid healthcare benefits under the 06, Medically Frail, Aid Category.

If an individual falls into one of the above two categories, that individual will not be enrolled into a Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) and, if determined by the Independent Assessment to be eligible for Tier II or Tier III services, will be provided access to those services through traditional Fee-for-Service Medicaid.

Populations affected by this notice are beneficiaries receiving Arkansas Medicaid healthcare benefits on a medical Spenddown basis and beneficiaries who are eligible for Arkansas Medicaid healthcare benefits under the 06, Medically Frail, Aid Category, as well as providers of those services and PASSE provider entities. DHS will be holding public hearings and will accept public comments on all issues raised in this notice, as described below.

The proposed rule is available for review and inspection as follows: (1) at the DHS Division of Medical Services, Office of Policy Coordination and Promulgation, 2nd Floor, Donaghey Plaza South Building, 700 Main Street, P.O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437; (2) on the Arkansas Medicaid website (<https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/General/Comment/Comment.aspx>), which may be downloaded from the “Proposed Rules for Public Comment” section of the website’s general menu; and (3) in a different format (such as large print) by contacting DHS at (501) 320-6429.

All comments must be submitted in writing to DHS, at the above address, or by email to Becky Murphy (becky.murphy@dhs.arkansas.gov), no later than close of business on November 12, 2018.

Public hearings will be held on:

October 26th at 4:30 at the Springdale Public Library, 405 South Pleasant Street, Springdale

November 5th at 5:00 at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled, 105 East Roosevelt Road, Little Rock

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TO: Arkansas Medicaid Health Care Providers – Adult Behavioral Health Services for Community Independence

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SUBJECT: Provider Manual Update Transmittal ABHSCI-New-18

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Explanation of Updates

A new Adult Behavioral Health Services for Community Independence policy manual is available for all Adult Behavioral Health Services for Community Independence providers.

This update transmittal memorandum indicates which sections of your provider manual have been revised. Electronic versions of provider manuals available from the Arkansas Medicaid website have changes incorporated. See Section I for instructions on updating a paper copy of the manual.

If you have questions regarding this transmittal, please contact the Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-457-4454 (Toll-Free) within Arkansas or locally and out-of-state at (501) 376-2211.

If you need this material in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact the Office of Policy Coordination and Promulgation at (501) 320-6429.

Arkansas Medicaid provider manuals (including update transmittals), official notices, notices of rule making and remittance advice (RA) messages are available for downloading from the Arkansas Medicaid website: <https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/>.

Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

Tami Harlan
Director

SUMMARY FOR ADULT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE AND

STATE PLAN AMENDMENT # 2018-16

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